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land, or whiled away the wintry hours studying "Hoil." The fortunate thing about the whole affair is that he can take any reader who has any appreciation for farm life with him on these trips, so that he gets an idea of the great general not easily obtained elsewhere. The finest thing in the whole book is the testimony the author bears to the character of Washington. It seems that every new discovery, as he studied the Farmer day by day, increased his regard.

Michigan Historical Collections, Vol. XXXIX. MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION, Lansing, Mich., 1915. p. 601.

This volume contains besides the usual reports and a Subject and Author Index for the whole series, the following papers: Patrick Sinclair, *Western Sketches of Caroline Kirkland*, Dr. Douglass Houghton, *Prehistoric Copper Mines of Lake Superior*, *Prominent Newspaper Men in Michigan*, James McMillan, *Will Carleton*, Thomas W. Palmer, *Two Early Missionaries, Saginaw County*, *Study of Michigan History*, *Memoirs of Pioneer Settlers*, *Biographical Sketches* (14 in number). The volume contains several articles of great value to Indiana readers. The Michigan Historical Commission under the lead of Governor Ferris is doing a great deal of work. Dr. Charles Moore is editor for the Commission.

The Illinois Whigs Before 1846. By CHARLES MANFORD THOMPSON, Ph. D., Associate in Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana, 1915. pp. 165.

THIS is a preliminary study to a history of the Whigs of Illinois. The five chapter heads: *Genesis of the Illinois Whigs*; *The Emergence of the Whig party, 1834-1839*; *Harrison and Tyler, 1839-1841*; *Sectional and State Issues, 1841-1845*; and *The Illinois Whigs and National Politics, 1841-1845*, show fairly accurately the field the author has examined. From another point of view the study seems to fall into three sections; the period of personal politics, the period of State politics, and the period when national issues dominated the field. Each of these periods developed its characteristic men. Governor Edwards built up a strong personal following, the men of the second period built up sectional followings, depending for their cohesion on local interest. This was the period of bank and internal improvement legislation. In the third